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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wolf David D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, 1999 BROADWAY, SUITE 3700

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/09/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					5,503	I	Held in the Company's 401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2012		M	6,071 (4) A \$ 44.395	32,291	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S	96 (6) D \$ 44.965	32,195	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2012		S	700 (6) D \$ 44.97	31,495	D	

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Common  
Stock

Class A  
Common Stock 01/10/2012 S 200 (6) D \$ 44,993 31,295 D

Class A  
Common Stock 01/10/2012 S 100 (6) D \$ 45.0111 31,195 D

Class A  
Common Stock 01/10/2012 S 700 (6) D \$ 45.013 30,495 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
						Code	V (A)	(D)
NSO	\$ 41.18					08/04/2011	08/03/2018	Class A Common Stock
2008 Restricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0					12/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/11/2018 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
2009 Restricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0					12/11/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/11/2019 <sup>(3)</sup>	Class A Common Stock
Perf Based RSUs 3-16-10	\$ 0					12/31/2012	03/15/2020	Class A Common Stock
March 2011 Employee	\$ 0					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common

RSU Grant								Stock
Non-Statutory Stock Option 3-3-2011 - \$48.50	\$ 48.5					03/02/2012	03/02/2021	Class A Common Stock
RSU 8-4-08	\$ 0	01/09/2012	M	<u>6,071</u> (5)		08/04/2011	08/03/2018	Class A Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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## Signatures

Kenneth A. Olson under POA for David D. Wolf	01/11/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 1 for 1
- (2) The RSU granted vest 25% per year beginning one year after grant but the receipt of shares are subject to a deferral period which is generally at least four years from grant date as per the deferral election.
- (3) The RSU is subject to a deferral election. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person as per the terms of the deferral election.
- (4) Issuance of shares from previous RSU grant based on meeting terms and timing of deferral election.
- (5) Issuance of 20% of RSU shares per deferral election in place at date of grant.
- (6) Shares sold to cover tax liability of issuance of deferred RSU shares.

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